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SKIPPER'S CORNER

Welcome back from your respective Christmas vacations and welcome to 2004. I'm proud to say that everyone returned from travels near and far safely and without major incident. I asked you to be mindful of the dangers associated with holiday driving and you didn't let me down. Keep the vigilance; remember to drive defensively at all times. There are a lot of people out there who don't.

As I sit here and write this article, we have two EOD Detachments in final preparations for extended deployment to conduct our nation's business. We wish the very best to Dets SIX and TWELVE, return safe and God speed. Let us not forget the men of Det 22 who previously deployed to the Middle East and spent the holidays away from family and friends; our thoughts are with you as well. And to the families of our deployed Sailors, remember that your support structure is strong, ready and willing. DO NOT hesitate to call Michelle Dial, our fantastic Ombudsman; me: the XO: the CMC; or any other member of EODMU SIX who can be of assistance during your loved one's absence. We are here for you as well.

This is the third edition of the MU's News and I think we are doing quite well. Chief Wolf and his editing crew have volunteered to keep this rag in print and they deserve our gratitude. Personal thanks go out to GMC Wolf "Editor and The Chief", SK3 Zaebst, IT1 Loftland, BM1 Evans and Mrs. Dial. Please take the time to shake their hand, pat them on the back, or just say "thanks" for the extra effort they put forth, it is truly deserved. Suggestions for improvement are always welcome and should be submitted to GMC Wolf, email: Wolf.Kyle@nwschs.navy.mil.

Lastly, as we look forward, I would like to highlight some significant upcoming events:

- Springtime deployment of the Command and Control Cell to Northern Europe
- EODMU SIX summer picnic

- EODGRU TWO Change of Command in which Commodore Fraser will be relieved by Captain Trumbore on 06 May 2004.
- Building refurbishment in preparation for the Det TWO and FOUR move from Ingleside, Texas to Charleston.

These are only a few of the planned events forecasted over the next several months. As you all know, we are a contingency force and our services may be needed anywhere in the world at anytime. It is our command mission to be combat ready at all times and you continue to impress me in the fulfillment of this obligation; stay sharp, stay ready, and keep up the great work.

CMC's View

The New Year is upon us, and as we make our "new" commitments (resolutions) I encourage all of you to make a resolution to do something to improve yourself either personally or professionally. Set a goal, write it down, and then refer back to it over the year to monitor your progress. Some worthwhile goals are: sign up for college courses, study XX number of hours per week for rating exam, learn about 1 Navy program per quarter, save \$XX per payday, volunteer in the community, complete 1 correspondence course per quarter... These are just some ideas that will lead to selfimprovement and enhance your personal career. Writing it down will help you make a commitment.

The Chiefs exam is behind us and I wish you all well. The March exam is fast approaching and it's time to begin studying. Try a new study technique (flash cards, highlighting text) and check your NKO website for important information that may help you advance. Continue to do the best job you can for the Navy and EODMU-6 and your evals will take care of themselves. However, there are always opportunities at the command to excel, and I'd like to highlight one of them.

The MWR committee is only as strong as the members. If you have ideas to keep the MWR committee going, make suggestions to your rep or volunteer for the committee. We always need new ideas for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation of the command. I'd like to see a command night at the Low Gators basketball game or the Ice Pilots hockey game in the near future. I remind you the MWR committee is

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active year round, not just for the Christmas party. Get involved, let's have some fundraisers, spend some money and have some command fun! You can make a difference. Of course, the families of the deployed members are ALWAYS invited and encouraged to attend.

Let's reflect on the past year and set some new goals that will make EOD Mobile Unit SIX better than it has ever been! CMC

FROM THE OMBUDSMAN

We have a lot of new babies of the command; Please let me know if you have a baby so I can post them as well. I do not want anyone to get left out.

New Babies:

James Gossman, Parents: AT1 Gossman and

Carol Gossman

Henry Bland, Parents: DC2 Bland and Lt

Jeanette Bland

Makenzie Fricton, Parents: GM2 Fricton and

Ashley Fricton

Winter Cantrell, Parents: MN2 Cantrell and

Awilda Cantrell

- The base offers play mornings for anyone interested, it is a chance for the new mothers to get together with other mothers for support and for your small children to interact with other children. The ages are infant to five years of age. For more information please call 764-7294 (Wen: 9:30-11:00 at the Community Center).
- Tax season is here again and the base is offering free help to do your taxes. They should start at the end of January for more information please call 764-2002.
- New Tricare Information
 Effective February 1 the Adult health clinic will become Family Care Department. It will have two divisions; Internal Medicine Clinic and Family Medicine Clinic.

Let us also not forget the guys that are deployed and their families.

Michelle Dial 764-2735 dial.michelle@nwschs.navy.mil

Dear Doctor Deckplate

If you have any questions for Dr. Deckplate please contact SK3 Zaebst at: Zaebst.Misty@nwschs.navy.mil

COMMAND CAREER COUNSELOR CORNER

I have another great website for furthering your spouse education. Spouse's can go to Trident Technical College and take courses using lottery money, they have to take at least 6 hours and declare a major. For further information contact Trident Tech (Joe Daning) at 574-6277. And remember to always accelerate your life in the world's greatest Navy. For further questions you can contact me BM1 (SW/AW) Michael A Evans SR at 843-743-0525 ext 125 or e-mail EVANS.MICHAEL@NWSCHS.NAVY.MIL

Welcome aboard

GM2 Ryan Hasher
ABFC Daniel Altman
SK1 John Cornett
LT Benjamin Cipperley
EN2 John Doran
AT1 James Gossman
STG1 John McClish
IS2 Tyrone Gilyard
BM1 Charles Phillips
YN2 Jason Smith
GM1 Christopher Stumpf
ET1 James Terry

Fair Winds & Following Seas

ENCM Thomas Shaulis BM1 Danny Adams HT2 Gabriel Compton

Bravo Zulu

Sea SOY AO1 Adam Dexter

Shore SOY AO1 Jeffrey Kuhar

SSOQ EN1 Andrew Neilson

JSOQ CM2 William Cook

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<u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u> MN1 Michael Englert

Letter of Commendation
MN2 Brian Cantrell

Letter of Appreciation LCDR Robert Beer LT Dirk Dewitt LT Timothy Limbert EMC Jeffery Miller YN1 Mark Philbrook AO2 Jeffery Dickey

Good Conduct SK1 John Cornett OS2 Jamison Baker

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Geek Gab

There's nothing worse than being hijacked by pop-up windows while surfing the Web. You know what I mean. You click on a site and suddenly a window with an ad pops up on your screen. You try to close it and this action launches a blizzard of pop-up windows until your screen becomes filled with blinking banner ads, X-10 cameras, X-rated images. I will show you how to fight back. The quickest and easiest way to prevent pop-ups from appearing in your browser would be to disable all scripting abilities inside your browser. To do this in Internet Explorer your Internet as you know it quickly becomes useless. Just about every site on the Internet uses some sort of scripting. No scripting means no image rollovers, style sheets, dynamic or cascading menus, or pop-up windows, of coarse. The new Google Toolbar 2.0, www.toolbar.google.com a small Internet Explorer add-on, includes a great built-in pop-up blocker. If you just want a different application, here are a few good ones; Popupvanish, Free Surfer MK II or you can just go to www.bootdisk.com and pick from the list of pop-up blocker list.

News from around the command
by: QM1 Owsinski

In preparation for BLUE GAME, EODMU SIX FORWARD CELL worked in unison with EODMU TWELVE, January 22 through January

25. This was over a reserve weekend so that the two units who are going on the exercise could work together and train personnel.





The operation started off with the setting up of base camp, which consisted of 1 large Drash tent, 2 medium X tents and a small tent.



The Medical department and Weapons department assisted by giving training on general first aid and weapons. The training exercise concluded with the breaking down of camp and stowing of all gear.